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MAURICE LAWSON**

State Representative  
District 29

14 January 2002

**Ms. Renata Hesse**  
**Trial Attorney, Anti-Trust Division**  
**Department of Justice**  
**601 D Street NW, Suite 1200**  
**Washington, DC 20530**

**Dear Ms. Hesse:**

**As a member of the Missouri Legislature, I want to express my support for the Microsoft settlement.**

**I have continued to monitor this case from the beginning and have been fairly critical of the case against Microsoft. Based upon my personal opposition, I believe this agreement is a reasonable and fair compromise for both Microsoft and Department of Justice.**

**Microsoft has been extremely innovative and productive in addressing consumer needs, which have spurred billions in economic growth over the last decade. Given the current downturn in the U.S. economy, we should be encouraging companies like Microsoft to set new goals and achievements. For this reason, I hope you will agree to this reasonable settlement.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maurice Lawson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Maurice Lawson**  
**State Representative**  
**District 29**